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## Kinmount gets in the highland spirit

Ciera MacDonald, left, and Madison McClenaghan perform in the highland dance competition at the first annual Kinmount Highland Games July 11. See more photos on page 13. ELIZABETH BATE staff

## No injuries reported in Stanhope plane crash

by **ELIZABETH BATE**  
*Times Staff*

A crash has left a plane severely damaged after it ran off the end of a runway and over-

turned in a ravine during a landing attempt at the Stanhope Municipal Airport July 9, according to the OPP.

No injuries were reported among the three occupants from St. George, Que., who were flying into the area to pick-up a child from an

area camp.

As of press time, the Cessna 210 had yet to be removed from the crash site while the incident was investigated by officials from Transport Canada.

## Local dancer joins Cirque in Pan Am opening ceremonies

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

It's an experience Jordy Schell will never forget.

While close to five million people were watching on television from across the Americas, Jordy Schell danced with a group of close to 150 young people. They were dressed like children who moved as one like a winding snake across the stage, holding a lamp during the Forest Borealis number at the opening ceremonies of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Games on Friday, July 10 in Toronto.

The passionate dancer was inspired by the experience and hopes to further his dancing.

"It was a lot more fun because you get that experience and can use that [to further] your life," he said.

Produced by the well-known artistic troupe Cirque du Soleil, Jordy appreciated the opportunity to be part of the all-engrossing, high-concept production of suspended acrobats, interpretative dancers, and performers who embodied animals creating a narrative of Canada, even if he wasn't fully aware of who they were before starting rehearsal.

Sheepishly, he said his initial thought was that Cirque was an actual circus.

The 12-year-old dancer with the Haliburton

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# Dancers chosen from hundreds at auditions

from page 1

Dance Academy isn't usually nervous and this time wasn't any different. He admits it probably helped that he couldn't really see the audience of more than 40,000 people because of the dark and the lights cast on the stage.

Just before going on stage, waiting for his cue to lead his purple group of children (you can see him close to the start of Forest Borealis coming from the left), he felt a great deal of excitement.

A dancer for the past three years, he told his mom after the show that he wants to be part of more productions like the opening ceremonies.

Although Jordy's mother Lisa saw the rehearsal, which included close to 25,000 people, she didn't get to see the Friday show because of her responsibilities as a chaperone backstage.

Her mobile phone, she said, was regularly buzzing from all the messages from friends and family who saw Jordy during the broadcast.

Jordy's father Doug said despite having seats in the 100 level directly in front of the stage, it was still quite difficult to see his son, factoring in the dark and the scale of the production.

He was blown away by the production and happy for his son.

Back in February, Jordy and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Dawson Hutchings were chosen out of hundreds at a three-round open audition in Toronto.

Lisa Schell, a Minden Hills councillor, recounts the hundreds of kilometres driven between here and the city, auditions and close to 100 hours of rehearsals over about 16 days, including 40 hours over three days leading up to the Friday show.

She's thankful to her aunt with a condominium on the waterfront who helped with accommodations for her, Jordy and Dawson with his mother Kelly.



Local dancer Jordy Schell performed in the sequence titled Forest Borealis in the opening ceremonies of the Pan Am Games in Toronto on Friday, July 10. /Photo courtesy of TO2015

While enduring the rehearsals at the CBC studios and Ryerson University in Toronto, she admits it was a struggle. But in the end it was all worth it for herself and her son.

"When it was over it was like I want to go back. It was that

much fun and such a neat experience," she said. "The next day we almost missed it. We missed the people involved. I missed the kids in my group, the other parents."

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## Wild Water Preserve inspires

Various artists display their interpretation of the Minden Wild Water Preserve at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The exhibit of art about the preserve includes paintings, artifacts, pottery, and stained glass, and is on as part of the celebrations for the Pan Am Games. The Pan Am Torch can is also on display. ELIZABETH BATE staff

## Correction

In last week's article, "Meeting reignites Maple Lake weir debate," it was reported that Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was a resident of Beech Lake. That is incorrect.





# Palliative centre plans delayed

by JENN WATT  
Editor

The board of Haliburton Highlands Health Services is moving forward with an alternative plan for its palliative care centre after a request for a minor variance from Dysart et al was rejected.

On July 13, the board had a meeting discussing the setback and work is already underway to adjust the plan, said board chairman John Kay.

“We have another site within the complex that we’re looking at,” he said.

“We’re confident we’re going ahead. The community wants it, the community needs it, the community is going to get it. They’ve got our total commitment from that respect.”

Kay said he can’t comment on how long it might take to move forward with the alternative scenario, but he said he hoped it wouldn’t be long.

“I just want to reassure the public that this project is going ahead,” Kay said.

“We’re confident that we have a viable alternative proposal that will go forward and will go forward quickly.”

A substantial amount has already been raised by the community for the palliative centre.

The chairman couldn’t comment on whether a second plan would incur any new costs, but pointed out that with large infrastructure projects it’s common to bump into planning issues along the way.

He expects to have an update on the project by the next HHS board meeting, which is scheduled for September.

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July 30

Committee of the Whole/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers.

Aug 1

Household Hazardous Waste Day, 8:00 am to 11:30 am, Scotchline Landfill

Aug 27

Committee of the Whole/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

*Please note there is only 1 scheduled meeting of council for the months of July and August*

### COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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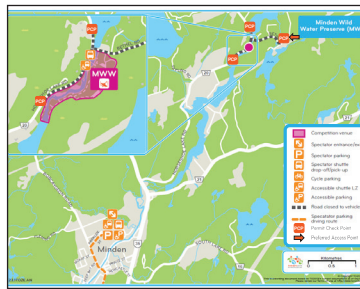
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Horseshoe Lake and Bethel Roads to be closed to through traffic on July 18 and 19 near the Minden White Water Preserve 7am to 8pm daily. No stopping or parking along Horseshoe and Bethel Roads will be permitted per Minden Hills By-law 09-01.



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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a public hearing on:

**DATE:** Monday, July 27, 2015  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

To consider minor variance applications **MV A16-2015**, **MV A17-2015**, and **MV A18-2015**. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law No. 06-10, pursuant to Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter. P. 13, as amended. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**MV A16-2015** - Part of Lot 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden, being Part 1 to 3 of Reference Plan 19R-4180; municipally known as **1545 South Lake Road**.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the expansion of a legally non-complying building (dwelling) which is located within the required Front Yard Setback.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.7.4(v) of the Zoning By-law to permit an 87% increase (62.3 m<sup>2</sup> [670 sq.ft.]) to the existing 71.4 m<sup>2</sup> (769 sq.ft.) dwelling whereas 25% is permitted.

**MV A17-2015** - Part of Lot 31, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon, being Part 1 & 2 of Reference Plan 19R-8870; municipally known as **1968 Salerno Lake Road**; and being located on Salerno Lake.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new dwelling, deck, and sunroom. The proposed development would replace the existing, non-compliant, dwelling and deck which are located within 15 metres of the High Water Mark. The new dwelling would not project closer to the High Water Mark (currently 3.47m. [11'4"]) whereas the deck is proposed to further encroach towards the High Water Mark.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.7.4(v) of the Zoning By-law to permit a 150% increase (111 m<sup>2</sup> [1,195 sq.ft.]) to the existing 74 m<sup>2</sup> (797 sq.ft.) dwelling whereas no increase is permitted, and to permit a 232% increase (70 m<sup>2</sup> [752 sq.ft.]) to the existing 30 m<sup>2</sup> (752 sq.ft.) deck whereas no increase is permitted; from Section 4.74(iii) to increase the height of the dwelling by 2.74 m. (9 ft.); and, from Section 4.74(ii) to permit the enlarged deck to encroach further, to 0 m. (0 ft.), from the High Water Mark whereas the existing deck is 2.13 m. (7 ft.)

**MV A18-2015** - Part of Lot 11 & 12, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as **1307 Shaws Lane**; and being located on Canning Lake.

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a sleeping cabin in front of the principle dwelling, and within the required side yard.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.1.13 of the Zoning By-law to permit a sleeping cabin located in front of the principle dwelling; and, from Section 5.2 to permit an Interior Side Yard setback of 4.3 m. (14' 9") whereas 4.5 m. (14' 9"), and a High Water Mark / Front Yard setback of 10 m. (32' 10") whereas 23 m. (75' 6") is required.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to, a proposed minor variance.

**NOTICE OF DECISION** - A copy of the Committee’s decision will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed a written request for notice of the decision with the Secretary-Treasurer.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015

Ian Clendening, M.P.I.  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Committee of Adjustment





## Our mineral kingdom

A piece by Christy Haldane hangs at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden as part of the First Kingdom: Art of the Canadian Shield exhibit on now until Aug. 15. The exhibit features works about the local mineral kingdom by Haldane, Gary Blundell, and Michael Bainbridge.



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Photos by Elizabeth Bate



A piece by Christy Haldane.



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## Petting zoo, live music and citron marmalade at Stanhope Heritage Day

by **ELIZABETH BATE**  
*Times Staff*

More than 100 volunteers have been working to organize the 13th annual Stanhope Heritage Day, being held this weekend at the Stanhope Heritage Museum.

Charlene McConnell says her first year organizing the event has been hectic, but well received.

"It's been fun, it's been good," she said.

Activities at this year's event will include live musical acts, including the bands The Tent Shakers and the Celtic Slowjams, and demonstrations about bee keeping and candle making.

McConnell says she is most excited about the exhibit from the Haliburton Country Farmers' Association.

"I'm really looking forward to the farm animals," she said. The group will be bringing a small petting zoo for children to interact with and learn about farm animals.

The farm animals won't be the only creatures kids get to play with during the day. The group Speaking of Wildlife will bring wild creatures for kids to see and touch in a supervised environment. McConnell says the group doesn't guarantee a specific kind of animal, but in the past they have brought snakes, skunks, and porcupines.

If horsing around with local wildlife isn't your cup of tea, you can have a cup of tea while sampling the results of the butter tart competition.

Entrants can register up to the day of the competition and must bring 12 butter tarts of the same recipe to be judged by a panel on pastry, appearance, and taste for a possible 10 points total. The winner will receive a jar of homemade citron marmalade, as well a piece of unique pottery for his or her sweet treat.

The citron fruits have been grown in the Stanhope Heritage Museum garden. Prickly outside with fruit inside, the citrons were planted and maintained in part by a local nursery.

"We've partnered with Abbey Gardens and they're growing the citrons for us," said McConnell.

While the plants are something new, heritage day wouldn't be complete without something old as well. Antique cars and rifles will be on display, and there will be an antique printing press for kids to play with. Children can experience the printing press by printing out a page from the *Stanhope Gazette* with their name in it.

"It's always been a celebration of heritage, trades, crafts, and arts," said McConnell of the day.

Heritage day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stanhope Museum July 18. Entry fees are \$2 per person, with children under five being admitted for free.

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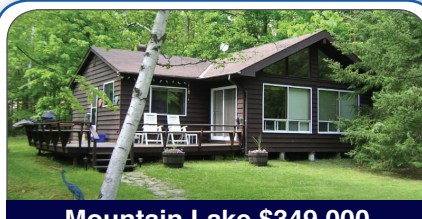


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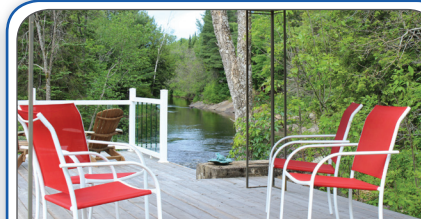


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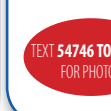
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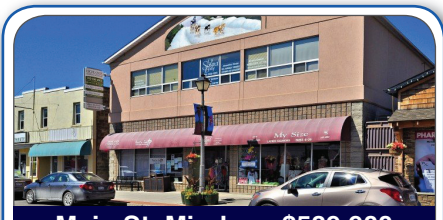
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## Common cause

IT'S HARD TAKING care of each other, isn't it?

It's a hard thing to do, and sometimes it's even hard just to remember that's what we're all attempting to do – take care of ourselves, yes, but each other too so that we can live in a happier, healthier community.

As a reporter I have a unique vantage point in political debates. I don't just have the privilege of seeing all sides of an argument, my job requires me to hear each side out. I often sympathize with both sides. That part isn't required, but often it's hard not to show some level of understanding and empathy when it's clear that each person making an argument is honestly and earnestly doing what he or she thinks is best to help the community they live in.

It's just too bad that vantage point isn't more common.

The modern political culture we live in is incredibly divisive, and seems to be growing more so with each passing election cycle.

We've divided up into teams. Separated into groups of like people with like ideas, and as we stare across the gap at other groups with different ideas from our own, we've somehow decided that it's us versus them. If you're not with us, you're against us, and that thinking has forced the gap to grow into a chasm.

Instead of giving complex ideas the attention they deserve, we've drilled them down into easily digestible sound bites that require little thought. We no longer talk

with depth, instead we argue in 140 characters.

The Twitter approach to life – pithy, fast, and easy to digest – makes a politician's job easier. After all, if your performance review every four years requires you to stir emotion and compel action while making yourself look good, there is no easier way to do it than point to someone else and blame them for having the wrong solution.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think this kind of action is borne out of maliciousness or laziness, at least not all the time. There's nothing wrong with making things easier to understand. And there's certainly nothing uncommon about our tendency to generalize. (One could argue I've done both here.) It's easy and it works.

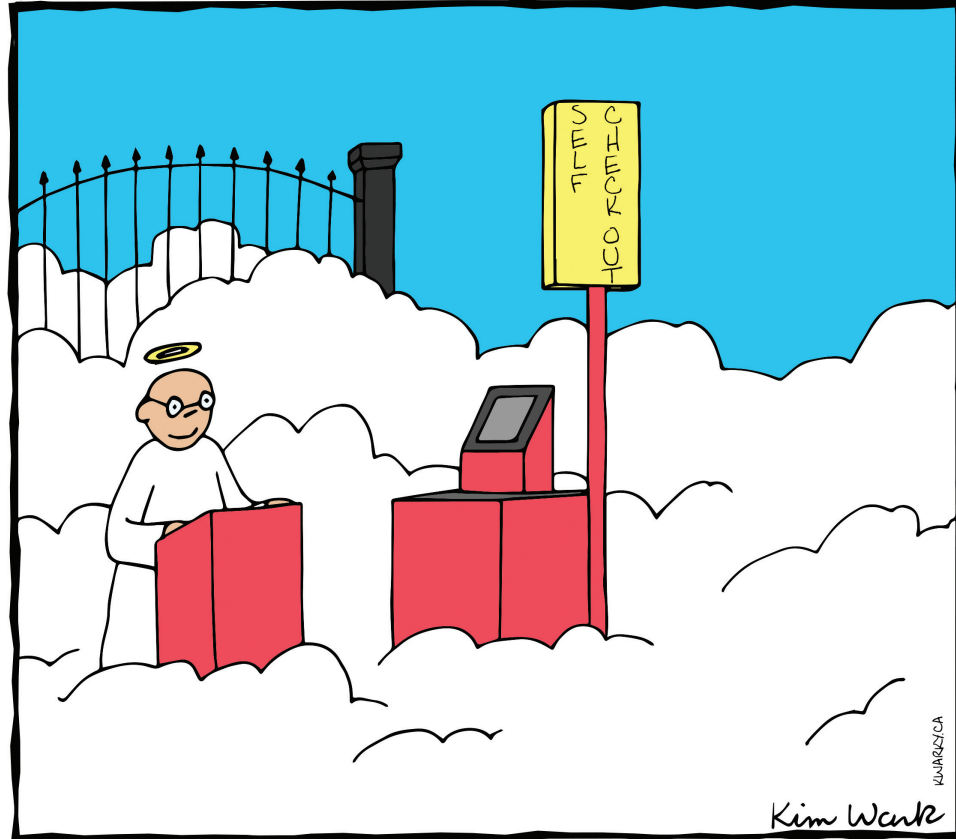
But the foundations of the walls that entrench our neat and tidy divisions are built with these witty little catch phrases and mean little quips. They re-enforce the insulation around ourselves that leaves us deaf to the other side, unable or unwilling to entertain the notion that "they" might want to help build a stronger, better, more inclusive world just as much as "us."

I would say that we are "gearing up" for a fall election, but lately it seems like the campaigning at every level of government never ends. So as we gather in community halls and around our television and computer screens this summer to hear well-meaning people tear each other down, let's all take a second to remember we're here for a common cause.



**ELIZABETH BATE**  
Reporter

# KWARKY



Kim Wente

## Learning from snakes

THE BEST PART of the Internet in my mind is that it shows you all the things you'd never, ever imagine, even if you were given thousands of lifetimes to imagine it. Donald Trump's hair is a fine example of that, but there are certainly other things too.

This morning, for example, I was looking at weird and wonderful nature photos when I saw one of a python that was either dead or in the process of listening to a CBC radio documentary – it's always hard to tell.

I do suspect it was the former, however, since it had also just swallowed a porcupine.

I might be wrong, but in my humble opinion, there are certain immutable rules of survival for virtually all creatures on this planet. Never swallow a porcupine is one.

Porcupine quills are sharp and can cause severe discomfort at the best of times. And swallowing sharp things is never advisable. When you combine them, things get even worse. If you learn nothing else from this column, remember this.

Having said that, I also believe that sometimes we have to learn the hard way.

Look, it's easy to judge that snake. After all, we, who have never tried swallowing a live porcupine, can be awful smug about things like this. But let's never forget that this is knowledge now practically ingrained in our DNA.

But perhaps this was a major evolutionary breakthrough for snakes. Maybe from here on in it will be part of their DNA too.

Think about it. Somewhere in the advancement of humans, one of our ancestors probably tried swallowing a live porcupine. Before you express doubts about this, remember that the *Jackass* movies are still incredibly popular. I suspect the fellow who swallowed the porky was likely the same guy who volun-

teered to be the tester for the development of the new stone club.

Every society needs guys like this, by the way. That's how we learn important lessons in survival.

I imagine, after they gave him a drink of water to wash the porcupine down with – which is probably also how we discovered the sprinkler – they presumably noted that he was not doing very well. Or they thought he was listening to a CBC radio documentary.

Either one would be enough to strike fear into the hearts of most normal people.

So, from that point on, humans passed along the knowledge that raw porcupine was off the menu. And, after a few generations, it just became part of what even the dumbest among us naturally assume – even though, as far as I'm aware, no one has ever tried it with ketchup.

The point is that poor snake was inadvertently providing that same public service to other snakes so that snakekind, and porcupinekind, will be all the better for it.

It is because of these simple but important lessons all creatures evolve. You learn what works and what doesn't by watching the dumb and reckless members of your species do things you thought questionable. And we learn best from the misfortune of others.

Eventually, word gets around that the activity in question, eating raw porcupine for example, is one that should be avoided at all costs. And so it becomes part of the lore that enables your species to sidestep yet another major issue and move forward towards enlightenment.

Which, I guess, is another reason we should be grateful Donald Trump is running for president.



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# The turtle and the 18-wheeler

**A**TURTLE IS CROSSING THE HIGHWAY and if it doesn't change direction, that 18-wheeler coming around the corner is going to make it part of the asphalt. Turtles are taciturn critters. Very stubborn. They wish to be left alone and don't like to communicate. When you try to communicate with them they withdraw into their shells.

They are not like the loons that sing information about what is happening on the lake. Or the wolves that communicate with their night howls. Or, the cheeky red squirrels and audacious crows who never hesitate to offer their thoughts.

Not turtles. They keep what they know to themselves. They dislike sharing information, perhaps operating on the fusty thinking that what you don't know won't hurt you.

We Canadians are governed by turtles. Our governments are notoriously unforthcoming. Maybe they feel we citizens are not smart enough to handle a lot of information. Maybe they just want to shield us from facts that might upset us. Whatever, they don't want us to know too much.

The result is that we live in a country that ranks very low in providing its citizens with the information they need to make intelligent decisions. All levels of our government – municipal, provincial and federal – are overly secretive.

We point fingers and sneer at the often dysfunctional American political system. In terms of freedom of information it is light years ahead of ours.

Americans are willing to share information. Canadians are not.

We have 17 laws in Canada aimed at giving citizens access to government information. Governments, however, have found ways around those laws to delay or withhold information they don't want the public to see. Usually the information blocked has the potential to hurt a government politically.

A common tool governments use to block the release of information is fees. If a government department does not want to meet an access to information request, it simply places an exorbitant charge on providing the information.

Fees assessed for providing information have tripled in the past couple of years.

Chad Ingram wrote recently about *The Times's* efforts to obtain a copy of the contract between the Ontario government and Carillion, the company that provides highway maintenance in our region. *The Times* applied to see the contract under the Freedom of Information Act more than six months ago and has encountered one roadblock after another.

Many people are not happy with Carillion's highway maintenance, especially in winter. Without seeing the contract, taxpayers can't determine whether Carillion is properly performing the work it is being paid to do.

Federally we have one of the most tight-lipped governments in history. And that's saying something considering that governments in Ottawa – no matter what their political stripes – are famous for hiding their lights under bushel baskets.

The current government takes its cue from Prime Minister Harper, a diligent man focused on his own view of the country, and very turtle-like when it comes to sharing information. He has read too much by Cardinal Richelieu, who directed much of the development of French Canada, and famously said: "Secrecy is the first essential in affairs of state."

Newspapers Canada, an advocacy group representing more than 800 newspapers, does an annual audit on government performance under access to information laws. The results often are discouraging.

Fred Vallance-Jones, an associate journalism professor at the University of King's College in Halifax, helps Newspapers Canada conduct the audit.

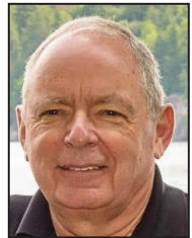
"Sadly, some [governments/public institutions] are getting worse," Vallance-Jones said following release of last year's audit. "And particularly troublesome is the worsening performance by the federal government."

John Hinds, Newspapers Canada president, says the 2015 audit is being compiled and he expects it will be made public in September, or early October. The public likely will have the results before the October federal election.

That election is the 18-wheeler. The Harper government is the turtle. If the turtle gets squashed by the 18-wheeler, and that is a distinct possibility, it will be partly because of its unwillingness or inability to share information with the citizens it serves.

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From Shaman's Rock

# This Week In...

**E**very week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

## From the July 15, 2005 issue:

Minden experiences a sweltering heatwave. With temperatures surpassing 34 Celsius on July 12, county roads director Doug Ray sent workers home early out of concern for their safety.

Minden Hills councillor Clayton Cameron suggests the ward system should be abolished in the township and that a system of electing a five-member council at large be instituted. Most council preferred the maintenance of the ward system and after several minutes of discussion, reeve Ross Rigney requested that the debate be continued at a later meeting, with council agreeing.

Famous Canadian scientist David Suzuki writes a letter to the *Times* in support of Perma Frost, a group aimed at keeping the Frost Centre – which the province had closed in 2004 – open. "Places like the Frost Centre are priceless and will only continue to grow in their importance in the coming years," Suzuki wrote. "I urge you to do all you can to make this the centrepiece in a program to educate our youth about the natural world." In 2015, the Frost Centre facility sits vacant.

St. Peter's Anglican Church on Maple Lake celebrates its 100th anniversary. A special ceremony held for the occasion included a

visit from Reverend Colin Johnson, Bishop of Trent-Durham.

## From the July 16, 1990 issue:

Anglican minister Dennis Drainville is chosen as the NDP candidate for the fall's provincial election at a nomination meeting of the NDP's local riding association. Party leader Bob Rae was in attendance and vowed that if the party formed government, it would construct an 18-bed chronic care facility at the Haliburton hospital. The expansion had been approved by the Ministry of Health in 1987, but construction had been put on hold pending the results of study into the community's health care needs.

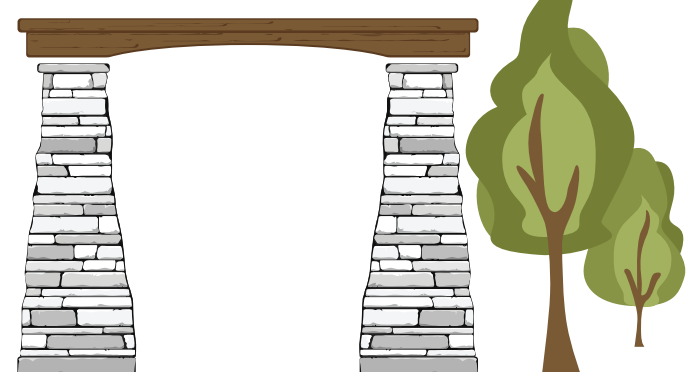
"We can't allow health care in this part of Ontario to deteriorate so people can't have the health care they've come to expect," Rae said in the front-page story. "The Liberals are up to their old games."

With negotiations no longer an option, Snowdon council vows to take legal steps to shut down and auto yard on South Lake. The lake association had asked council to do something about the business. Council had given the owner several extensions on a deadline to cleanup the property, but that had not happened.

Minden and county councils strike a deal to relocate the county office from Newcastle Street to a site near the Minden arena. The county's new home was to be a five- or six-acre parcel of land with access from the northern end of Water Street.

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## letters to the editor

# Rusty flagpoles unappealing

To the Editor,

Visitors travelling north through Minden on Highway 35 are welcomed by three sets of flags.

They are at the OPP, Hydro One and MNR. The Hydro One location is spoiled by the heavily

rusty flag poles.

One might think a billion dollar company should get around to painting their flagpoles.

Michael Barnes



# Pocket dialing 911 expensive for taxpayers

by **ELIZABETH BATE**  
Times Staff

Police are asking residents to be careful who they pocket dial.

OPP Staff Sgt. Chad Bark says 762 calls to 911 were dialed in error in 2014 across the county, and many of those calls can be attributed to pocket dials.

Other causes include children playing with phones, misdials, and technical error, although Bark says technical problems represent a very small portion of those types of calls.

In Minden Hills 216 calls were dialed in error in 2014, up two from the year before. Calls in error are down so far this year, with just 60 year to date over 77 this time last year, but Bark says those numbers may change, as summer is their busiest time.

Each 911 call, even if dialed in error, requires that a police officer locate the caller to ensure his or her well-being.

"We have to respond to every 911 call. A physical response," said Bark. "We have to treat all of these calls as real."

Treating each call, even if they are dialed in error, as a legitimate emergency call is important to ensure that someone is not being held against their will, or in a situation where being on the phone with police would cause them danger, said Bark.

The average time spent at a 911 call dialed in error across the province is 1.2 hours per officer, but sometimes those calls can take much longer if officers cannot immediately get in touch with the original caller.

Typically officers will call the number back and hope to establish contact, arranging a place to meet in person so that officers can ensure the caller's well-being. However, if the caller can't be reached or is uncooperative that process can become more difficult.

Bark said recently officers had to track an uncooperative caller who refused to stay put to meet up with police after dialing in error. Officers had to track the caller to three different locations before confirming he was OK.

If a caller can't be reached in urban areas police can triangulate a cell signal using the three closest towers the phone pinged during the call. In the Highlands, however, phones often only ping one tower, making the location of the phone hard to track. When a caller cannot be reached and a location cannot be established, OPP officers often have to resort to more time consuming investigative techniques.

"In the extreme we will have to come back to the office and contact the phone carrier," said Bark.

Carriers will release information to the police without a warrant if they believe they are helping a person who may be in danger, Bark says, but the process can still be lengthy, especially if the address information tied to the phone belongs to a cottager who lives elsewhere.

Contrary to popular opinion, callers who dial in error will not be prosecuted or in trouble for the mistake unless there was malicious intent. Bark said when a caller realizes he has dialed the police by mistake he should help the officers out by owning up to it immediately.

"Phone us. Tell us you dialed in error. Tell us where to meet you. Help us clear that off," said Bark.

Under the new OPP funding model, each of the 8,000 calls the OPP received in 2014, including the 762 calls dialed in error (which amount to over 900 billable policing hours), are billed out to the community evenly across all residents, cottages and businesses through the municipality.

For a call in error billed at 1.2 hours that cost is complicated Bark says, using an algorithm that includes the cost of the officer's time, equipment, the cruiser and other things.

The salary for one officer who has completed probation is over \$72,501 per year. That translates to about \$34.86 per hour. After 10 p.m. two officers must attend the call together, making just the labour cost for a basic call \$83.65, which is an extravagant use of resources for a pocket dial.

"It's expensive and it ties us up," said Bark.

Bark suggests locking phones and ensuring small children playing with phones do not have access to the keypad if necessary.

"Do whatever you need to do so you don't dial in error," he said.

In addition to the calls dialed in error, Bark says calls for service now include an increasing number of calls that do not fall within the parameters of what a police call should be.

Bark says the OPP is seeing a frequent number of calls for things like personal or neighbour disputes, property line disputes, dog barking and noise complaints, and parking infractions. Those last two fall under the category of bylaw enforcement, something that is handled through the municipality and not the OPP.

While Bark does not want to discourage people from calling the police if they think they need them, he wants people to be aware of what the police are for.

"We would encourage people to work these things out for themselves," he said of the personal disputes. "It's not really something that fits within our mandate."

These calls too are billed to the municipal-

ity. In fact, 60 per cent of the total cost of operating the OPP detachment is based on calls for service.

That cost can be mitigated by reducing the number of dials in error and calls that should go through bylaw or other services, but also by taking advantage of the online self-reporting system. That system allows citizens who have experienced minor theft or property damage to fill out an online report themselves which get reported to the detachment and generates an occurrence number for insurance claims. It also helps police spot trends in crime patterns, said Bark.

"All we're suggesting is that people give a

little bit of thought" before calling, said Bark. "What I think is important for people to do is educate themselves on how best to activate the police and when to activate the police."

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Phone us. Tell us you  
dialed in error.

- STAFF SGT. CHAD BARK

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## Lake program encourages natural shorelines

by **ELIZABETH BATE**  
Times Staff

Dale Rider is excited about her new landscaping.

With help from Bark Ecological Gardens and Nursery, the owner of Buttermilk Falls resort on Boshkung Lake planted local shrubs and greenery along her shoreline as part of the Love Your Lake program.

The program run by CHA encourages local landowners with lakefront property to naturalize their shoreline to help preserve the lake. Buttermilk Falls was one of two sites on Boshkung Lake to participate.

Rider planted some of her favourite plants, including choke cherry bushes, black eyed susans, and wild roses, among others.

"All stuff I like that I wouldn't know was good for the lake," said Rider.

When she was asked to participate in the program she said it was a "no brainer." She was given plant advice from the CHA and the lake association as well as the nursery, and is only out of pocket "a few hundred dollars" after applying for a grant through the program. The installation took Rider approximately half a day.

Rider says the shrubs are short enough that her guests' view of the lake is still unencumbered and the new greenery is generating a positive response from Buttermilk Falls's patrons, as well as being a more ecologically

sound choice.

"Everybody loves it. All of our guests love it," she said.

Sue Yallop of the Boshkung Lake association helped Rider and Bark Ecological with the project. Yallop says she was lucky the family property she owns was never landscaped with exotic plants or flowers, but is excited to see those with grass or other landscaped shorelines return them to a natural state.

"Grass is not naturally occurring here," she said. "Grass is about the least effective at keeping a lake healthy."

Yallop said naturally occurring plants are not only beautiful, but help prevent runoff. Rider's property had a runoff she says they assumed was naturally occurring, and it was a slipping hazard. Shortly after the new plants were put in, the runoff disappeared.

"It's worked out great," Rider said.

Yallop says those properties with more than 25 per cent of an unnatural shoreline, including grass, may be harming the lake in the long run, affecting everything from the ability to swim in the lake to drinking water.

She hopes the program will help protect the lakes in the area for future generations and the tourism industry.

"Between CHA and Love Your Lake we're finally getting more people to understand what we do affects the health of the lake," said Yallop. "If we didn't have lakes we wouldn't have Haliburton."

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# Cottager writes London tour for Canadians

by ELIZABETH BATE  
Times Staff

Canning Lake cottager Christopher Walters wants to share the hidden Canada inside Great Britain.

The author of *London Eh to Zed: 101 Discoveries for Canadian Visitors to London* says his first book, an armchair walking tour guide to London, England, started when he was a tour guide for high school students in the city by the Thames. When Walters was leading American students he would point out places and artifacts related to American history and influences, but when it came to finding the Canada in London, he was stumped.

“I made it my mission to find the Canadian landmarks,” he said. “I think London has a lot of Canadian connections to it.”

Years later the director of communications for the Social Sciences and Research Council is leading a different life than that of tour guide, but he hasn’t forgotten his found Canadian connections in the United Kingdom. Sharing those became a starting point for the book. “It’s been a labour of love for a long time. It sat in an index folder until the time was right,” he said. “I think Canadians can learn a lot about their own history.”

Although the book is a city guide, Walters says the historical aspects of the armchair guide mean you don’t have to be planning

a trip across the pond to enjoy the book. History buffs can enjoy going on a virtual walk, reading about the seven walking tours from the comfort of their own dockside chair.

“I think Canadians who are interested in their history will find it interesting,” Walters said.

Some of Haliburton’s history is featured in the book with the London home of Lord Durham as one of the stops on the tour. Walters says Durham, or John “Radical Jack” Lambton as he was known, was a former Governor General of Canada and a British liberal who proposed responsible government for Canada. Lambton was also the arch rival of Thomas Chandler Haliburton, the Tory for whom the area is named.

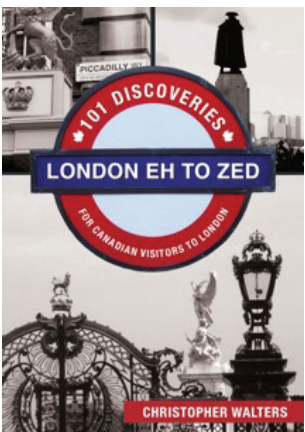
Other interesting points in the book include a tour of Greenwich, the area where Major General Wolfe, famous for defeating the French on the Plains of Abraham, had his house.

The area also includes a look at the national maritime museum, where visitors can view Capitan Cook’s chronometer.

“He used basically this pocket watch to determine the length of Canada from sea to sea,” said Walters.

Walters hopes to display the book and possibly do a reading of the only tour guide to the Canadian influences in London at the Haliburton County library later in the summer, taking listeners through historic place like Whitehall and Mayfair.

The book is published by Dundurn and can be picked up on their website or at Amazon.



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# Area institutions receive accessibility funds

Haliburton County is the recipient of several accessibility grants from the federal government.

In a press release issued Tuesday, MP Barry Devolin announced \$215,000 in upgrades for the riding.

Of that amount, six projects in the county received funding.

Community Living Haliburton County was granted more than \$24,000 to install a platform lift to give access to all floors of its space at the old Victoria Street School in Haliburton.

Lakeside Church in Haliburton received nearly \$5,000 for an exterior ramp.

The Minden Legion branch received more than \$16,000 for a new entrance door with automatic openers and two accessible washroom doors.

Sir Sam's Ski and Bike received about

\$21,500 for an accessible family washroom.

Algonquin Highlands will get \$18,000 to renovate restrooms and construct pathways and landings.

And Minden Hills was successful in its application for \$23,000 for an accessible playground and accessible walkways.

"Our government is committed to ensuring that Canadians of all abilities have the chance to contribute to our communities and be included in all aspects of society," said Devolin in the release.

"Through our investments in the Enabling Accessibility Fund, more than 2,200 projects across the country are improving accessibility so that all Canadians participate in their communities and workplaces."

More than 430 projects were funded in this round of grants representing \$13 million.

# Hirstwood pleads guilty, sentencing in August

by ELIZABETH BATE  
Times Staff

A Minden man remains in custody after pleading guilty to two counts of sexual interference and one count of invitation to sexual touching July 3.

Keith Hirstwood pled guilty to the charges in a Lindsay courtroom. He remains in custody awaiting a sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 21.

The charges under sections 151 and 152 of the Criminal Code were brought in September 2014 along with an additional charge of invitation to sexual touching and two counts of luring a child under section 172.1, which specifies a computer system was used to commit the crime.

The case remains under a publication ban to protect the victim who is a minor and cannot be identified under section 486 of the Criminal Code.

Hirstwood faces a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

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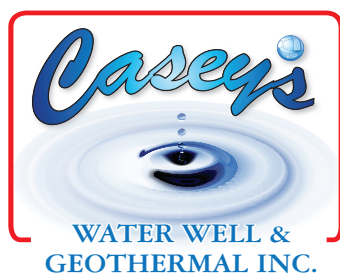
All proceeds to go to enhancing the lives of the residents.



## Kin Club gives to HHHSF

Minden Kin Club past president Tom Prentice, seated far left, along with president Andy Rickard, middle, present \$10,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chairman Peter Oyler. The money was raised during the Kin Club's 28th annual Truck Pull Show and Shine and ATV Mud Bog run by the Haliburton ATV Association. Back row from left, Kin Club members Jim Carrell, Heather Hughes, Tammy Douglas, Dan Douglas, Karin Koch and Harold Clayton; HHHS board chairman John Kay, HHHS board vice-chairman Dave Bonham and Foundation executive director Dale Walker. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Highland Games comes to Kinmount



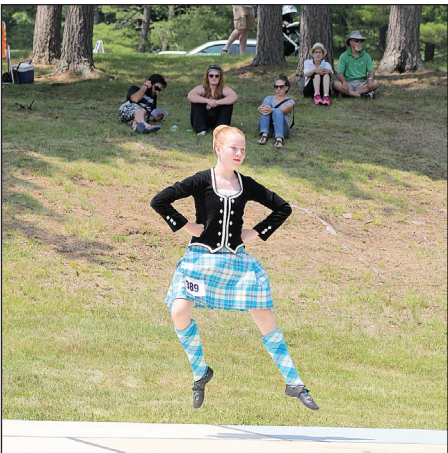
The pipes and band demonstration at the first annual Kinmount Highland Games brought together numerous bands from all across the Highlands to play traditional celtic music on drums and bagpipes July 11. ELIZABETH BATE staff



Shae-Lynn Perreault, 17, performs in the Highland Dance competition.



Jason Baines competes in the hammer throw as part of the first annual Kinmount Highland Games July 11. ELIZABETH BATE staff



Abigail Brown performs in the Highland Dance competition.



Heidi Lowry competes in the hammer throw.



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Alexandra White and Treyven Robitaille perform in the Highland Dance competition.



# Cat reunited with owners after two years lost

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

It's nothing short of amazing.

If Louis, an orange tabby close to six, could talk what a tale it would tell.

It's been more than two years since he was last seen after the Minden flood in April of 2013.

No one will ever know what really happened or how he survived through two winters separated from his family. However those details are moot, as his owners Nairen Nesbitt and girlfriend Crystal Perry of Haliburton were ecstatic to be reunited with him this past Saturday at the Canadian Tire

in Minden.

When they approached Louis they called out to him, saying his name.

He meowed back and tears welled up in Perry's eyes.

"My boyfriend went up to him and said his name. [Louis] looked right at him and started talking, like meowing at him. It was so cute, but he has a big gash in his head. He was beat up. A little on the thin side. He was pretty beat up," she said.

She adds Louis was thinner than normal.

Days later there is still disbelief at the miraculous nature of the chain of events.

"He can't believe it," she said, commenting on Nairen.

She's appreciative to all of the staff at

Canadian Tire, who intermittently fed and gave him water for close to three months whenever he was around. In particular, she is grateful to employee Robyn Maltby. She took Perry's number and called to let them know when she saw Louis near the trailers.

Perry said there were accounts of him in the area between the Canadian Tire and the Tim Hortons. She figures he must have lived there a while.

Perry said she was just scrolling through Facebook and saw someone had shared a posting about a cat at the Canadian Tire in the storage area, formerly an old greenhouse, at the back of the building from Lost and Found Pets of Haliburton. She calls it a "random chance" that turned out well.

After they saw photos of the cat everything seemed to match up in terms of features and characteristics.

They just weren't sure though, knowing the odds.

"When I saw the pictures I didn't want to get my hopes up too high, but I did. Same thing with my boyfriend. He was like, 'That can't be my cat.' It's not going to hurt to look ... let's go check it out and see," she said.

She adds despite the uncertainty they were really hopeful.

Just before the flood, Nesbitt moved with his parents onto Anson Street in Minden.

Louis, who was relatively new to the area, was outside when the Gull River flooded the street that left Minden in a state of emergency, as people were forced out of their homes and resorted to raised trucks or boats to move through streets.

Perry believes the flood disoriented and scared the cat.

Although Nesbitt searched during the flood, even paddling a canoe down Anson

Street without any luck, he never truly gave up hope or the search.

"He never wanted to think that he had gone," she said.

Louis was not entirely forgotten.

Parents, family and friends in Minden were still on the lookout for him long after the flood.

One friend even left cat treats in her car, Perry said, in the hopes if she ever saw an orange tabby that looked like Louis she could bring him home.

Perry laughs and said, "He'll be an indoor kitty from now on."



After more than two years Crystal Perry, left, and boyfriend Nairen Nesbitt were reunited with their cat Louis this past Saturday. Submitted by Crystal Perry

## Chamber targets electricity prices

by **JENN WATT**  
Editor

Clarifying the province's billing practices and finding mechanisms to cap or bring down the cost of electricity will go a long way to ensuring the health of the economy, a new report from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce says, and the local chapter of the chamber is echoing that message.

Last week, the Ontario chamber released a comprehensive report on the complicated way the province calculates energy prices, how those prices are hurting the economy and highlighting ways to get the system under control.

Called Empowering Ontario: Constraining Costs and Staying Competitive in the Electricity Market, the report addresses concerns that the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has long been hearing from its members, manager Rosemarie Jung says.

"I've heard from a number of businesses that have said ... we don't know what our costs are and they'd like to be better informed so they can make decisions and voice their concerns about what they're being charged and how they're being charged," she said on Friday.

The 23-page report explains how the province came to have one of the highest advertised electricity rates in North America with predictions of a steady increase in costs.

"Electricity bills are only expected to rise in the future, with industrial customers' bills forecast to increase by 13 per cent over the next five years. The rates for households and small businesses are predicted to climb by 25 per cent over the same period," the report says, going on to say there is a

risk that investors will go elsewhere when choosing where to set up shop.

The report explains how prices are set and how the "global adjustment" is used to compensate for the discrepancy between the market price of energy and how much contractors are being paid.

According to the report, medium-sized businesses are finding themselves in the most expensive position. "These businesses often have energy demand below the three megawatt threshold of the Industrial Conservation Initiative program and are also not included under the Regulated Price Plan and time-of-use pricing. As a result, they are left in the dark when it comes to their ability to reap significant cost savings from shifting their usage during peak periods," the report says.

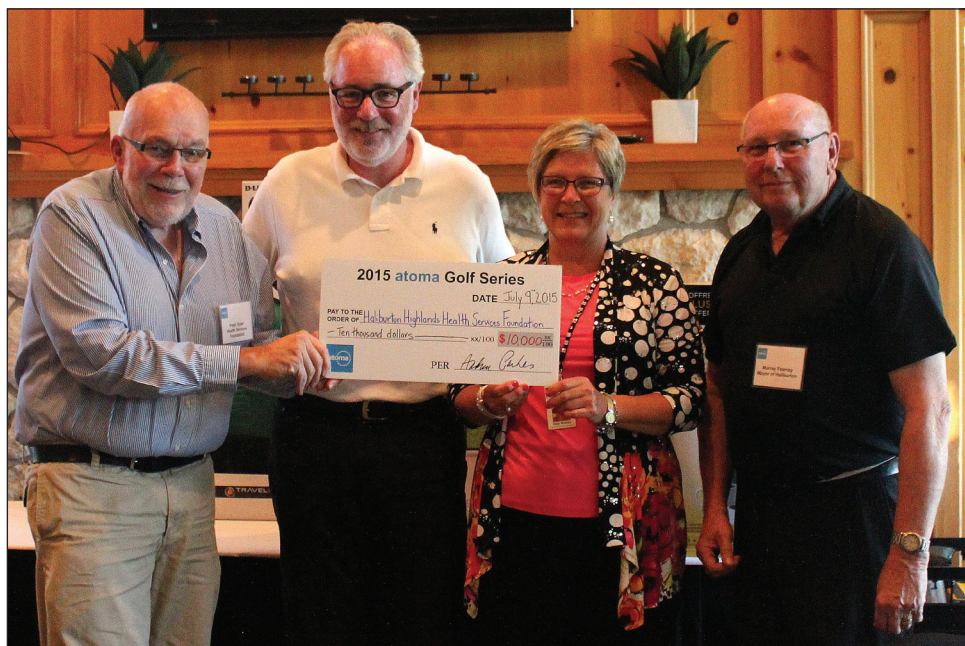
Jung says she hears from some businesses that have no option about when they use electricity. Since they're not industrial, but can't shift their business hours to off-peak periods, they have to pay the high prices.

"What we've heard from businesses here, and we know it to be true, is they don't have an option. That's when they operate is during peak hours and especially in the summer and they have no opportunity to cut their metered expenses," she says.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce's report offers several recommendations about how the system could be better managed. Among them is spreading out the debt retirement charges, increasing transparency and better usage of smart meter data.

Whether the province chooses to follow any of the chamber's recommendations or not, something has to change, Jung says.

"What I'm definitely hearing is [energy costs are] substantially cutting into their [businesses'] profit margins and affecting hiring ... and impacting growth," she says.



### Golf for health

The 2015 Atoma Golf Series raised \$10,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and presented them with a cheque on July 9 at the Pinestone Resort. From left, Peter Oyler of the HHHS Foundation, Andrew Parkes, Dale Walker from HHHSF, and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. /ELIZABETH BATE staff

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- 6:20 – 7:00 The Tebworth Brothers
- 7:05 – 7:45 The Schotts
- 7:50 – 8:30 Rescue Junction
- 8:35 – 9:15 Emory Lester and Jill Jones
- 9:20 – 10:00 New Shade Of Blue
- 10:00 – ??? The Kelletts The Next Generation (open mic)

SATURDAY PERFORMERS

- 10:00 – 10:05 Greetings
- 10:05 – 10:45 Ducharmes
- 10:50 – 11:30 Barn Katz
- 11:35 – 12:15 New Shade of Blue
- 12:20 – 1:00 Hard Ryde
- 1:05 – 1:45 Rescue Junction
- 1:50 – 2:30 Emory Lester and Jill Jones
- 2:35 – 3:15 The Tebworth Brothers
- 3:20 – 4:00 The Schotts
- 4:05 – 4:45 Ducharmes

Dinner Break...

- 6:30 – 6:35 MC Greetings
- 6:35 – 7:15 Hard Ryde
- 7:20 – 8:00 Emory Lester and Jill Jones
- 8:05 – 8:45 Barn Katz
- 8:50 – 9:30 Ray Legere
- 9:35 – 10:15 New Shade of Blue

SUNDAY PERFORMERS

- 9:00 – 10:00 Old Time Gospel Sing and Jam
- 10:00 – 10:05 Morning Greeting
- 10:05 – 10:45 Rescue Junction
- 10:50 – 11:30 Barn Katz
- 11:35 – 12:15 Hard Ryde
- 12:20 – 1:00 The Tebworth Brothers
- 1:05 – 1:40 Ray Legere

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- Wristbands must be worn at all times and displayed to any festival staff member upon request.
- No glass containers - for safety reasons, beverages must be in cans or plastic containers
- No smoking or personal alcoholic beverages in the concert area.
- No standing in the concert area or if it rains, please no umbrellas as this blocks the view for others
- No drugs, drunkenness or rowdy behaviour will be tolerated on the grounds
- Please utilize the trash barrels & recycling bins throughout the grounds.
- Pets are to be kept at your campsite. Please clean up after your pets
- No open fires or fireworks of any kind (no exceptions)
- No amplified music ( acoustic jams only)
- No surface discharge of black or grey water on the ground
- Generator times: 8:00am to 10:00am and 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
( exceptions will be made for medical purposes)
- We reserve the right to refuse anyone admission
- No refunds on advance tickets or for anyone removed from the grounds for rule violations
- The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival is not responsible for any accidents, loss, theft, injury to persons,  
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## Camping Information

RV parking/camping is included for the Friday and Saturday nights in the weekend ticket prices. This is rough camping with no hookups available. Additional early RV parking/camping is available starting Monday night through Thursday @ \$10 per night. RV parking/camping is on reserve basis for advance ticket buyers. The sooner you book, the better chance you'll get to secure a camping spot of your choice.

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# The Games are Here

## Preserve first natural course in multi-sport event

by JENN WATT  
Editor

The Gull River offers a challenging, natural course for kayak/canoe slalom. That’s why the Pan Am Games is hosting its event here and why those who know the course believe it’s set to become much more popular in coming years.

Eight-hundred metres of rolling, swirling water at the Wild Water Preserve has attracted thousands of paddling enthusiasts and curious beginners over the years and plenty of large events including canoe slalom world cups in the ‘90s.

On July 18 and 19, it will host perhaps its most well-watched competition: the Pan Am canoe/kayak slalom, with athletes racing down the river and bobbing through gates, for a chance to take home a medal.

“It can’t help but increase the profile of both the sport of canoe slalom and also the magnificent venue that we have on the Gull River and the Minden Wild Water Preserve,” says Jim Tayler, president of Whitewater Ontario, which co-owns the venue with the Township of Minden Hills.

“We’re going to broaden the depth of knowledge about the Gull to the other countries and the other athletes who are participating. My guess is that many of them have



Canadian Ben Hayward will be competing in the K1 (kayak slalom singles) and the C2 (canoe slalom doubles) events at the Pan Am Games hosted by the Minden Wild Water Preserve on the Gull River this coming weekend. Training is all week./DARREN LUM Staff

### Four-page special section

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# Games showcase Gull River to world

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not necessarily paddled on a natural river like the Gull. Many of them are paddling on artificial courses.”

Pan Am is the first time the canoe/kayak slalom will be held on a natural whitewater course during multi-sport games. Generally, those who compete do so on manmade structures rigged with water pumps and concrete channels.

“It’s part of the way the sport has evolved,” says Tayler, “and I think everyone is actually kind of thrilled that we’re taking this particular event right back to the roots of paddling, which is on an open river in a beautiful environment with very challenging whitewater. It speaks to the original spirit of paddling in our country.”

The norm in major competitions, particularly in Europe, is artificial courses, he says.

Russ Duhaime is a local kayaker and property manager of the Minden Wild Water Preserve. He says competitors are likely ambivalent about the technical differences between natural and artificial courses, but he expects the physical beauty of the Gull will be striking for them.

“It probably doesn’t really matter all that much to the paddlers. They’re going to get similar features regardless,” says Duhaime.

“A manmade course is like a canal. It’s not visually appealing at all. You’ve got concrete banks and plastic boulders and whatnot. It feels safe and controlled.”

A natural course, on the other hand? It has the unexpected, thrilling experience of nature.

“Sitting on that river any given time, I’m not a religious person, but it’s almost a religious experience; the energy that comes from that water and you’re just surrounded by nature. It’s a beautiful place,” he says.

Duhaime first became acquainted with the preserve when his son, Connor, said he’d like to take a class about 15 years ago.

“At that point in time, there was one local instructor and we went out and the two of us took a course with her and afterwards ... I said, ‘that’s it for me. I don’t like it,’ and he said, ‘I love it.’”

To keep his son company, Duhaime kept with it, eventually growing to love it and teaching kayaking himself.

Perhaps because the preserve is nestled in the forest down Horseshoe Lake Road, visitors and even some residents don’t know it’s there. But in the Ontario paddling community, the site is well known.

“Outside of Minden, anyone who knows anything about paddling is very aware of the Gull River,” says Duhaime.

Besides being a technically challenging course, the Gull River is also special because of its long season, he says. While it’s common to find kayakers out as soon as snow begins to melt, on many natural venues, the water runs out in the summer. Not so for the Gull.

“We have a season that often starts as soon as snow begins to melt and runs right through until it’s too cold to paddle,” he says.

For instructors, the longer season offers opportunity not found in other places.

“The Gull, the way it’s designed, has good flow all year long,” says Randy Mitson, marketing manager for Algonquin



## Did you know?

This year’s Canadian team is boasting its largest delegation of athletes with 719 for a multi-sport Games representing 41 disciplines (36 Pan Am sports and 15 Parapan Am sports).

Toronto won the privilege to hold the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games (from July 10 to 26) on Nov. 6, 2009 and beat out Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia.

The event is being held all around Toronto, the Greater Toronto Area and beyond. The Games stretch around the Golden Horseshoe from Welland and St. Catharines in the west to Oshawa in the east. Minden is the farthest point north.

### History and general information

The Games are held every four years and precede the Olympics by a year.

It is third largest multi-sport games, coming behind the Olympics and the Asian Games.

The Games includes countries from North America, Latin America, South America and the Caribbean.

With the exception of the first Pan Am games, held in Buenos Aires in 1951, Canada has competed in every one since the first one in 1955 when it was held in Mexico City. This is the third time Canada has hosted the Pan Am Games. Winnipeg hosted them in 1967 and 1999. Canada won a nation’s best 196 in 1999. It’s Ontario’s first international multi-sport competition since the 1930 British Empire Games in Hamilton.

We are currently third in medals with 1,696 behind Cuba, which is second with 1,929 medals and the United States, who are first with 4,172 medals.

There has been one winter edition of the games hosted by Las Lenas in 1990. Canada was one of eight countries that participated. Seven medals in alpine skiing were won.

### Parapan information

This year’s Parapan Am Games will mark the first time Canada has hosted.

We have competed in every edition. Canada is fifth all time in medals. - Darren Lum

Outfitters, which runs classes through Boatwerks in Minden. Because of the Pan Am Games, the company hasn’t been able to do the instruction it normally does, as the site is fenced off in preparation of the event. “Right now the river is closed down,” says Mitson. “For us, it’s a blessing and a curse. We don’t have access to ‘our river.’”

He explains that although the event has slowed their normal activities, in the end the improvements to the site – such as the upgrades at the Roger Parsons Centre – and the attention Pan Am will bring to Minden are worth the short-term inconvenience.

“The legacy of it though is going to put the Gull River on the map,” he says.

Right now, when people think of whitewater canoeing and kayaking in Ontario, the Ottawa River springs to mind. The Gull hasn’t received as much publicity and hasn’t become as

commercial.

“It’s always kind of been the little gem in Haliburton County that isn’t totally on the map. A lot of people come because they know there’s not going to be a hundred other kayakers there.”

Mitson anticipates that after the games, some new faces will be seen at the river’s edge.

For Tayler, the Pan Am Games bring the possibility of more international events in Minden.

“There’s always the possibility that we’ll be looking at hosting other world-class events at the Gull now that we’ve got this improved facility there,” he says.

Whitewater Ontario’s capacity to put on big events has been enhanced by this experience, he says.

“Maybe this will serve as a catalyst for future world class events and I would fully expect the town would be behind it.”



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## Pan Am venue restrictions

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Close to 7,000 athletes from 41 countries are coming to compete in 365 events for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games and organizers want everyone on their best behaviour and have outlined a set of rules for venue goers to make sure.

Like any sporting venue, the usual weapons (firearms, knives, pepper spray and noxious substances), explosives, narcotics, alcohol and food is not allowed. The exception with food is for those with babies or who have dietary restrictions.

However if you feel the inclination to come equipped to play some road hockey or an impromptu game of baseball, think again as hockey sticks, baseball bats, racquets, billiard cues are restricted.

Now if you want to cheer your country's athlete that's OK, but if you want to rely on air horns, trumpets, whistles or thunder sticks to save your voice, you better warm up your throat because the aforementioned are

disallowed.

The list of restricted includes a variety of transportation options such as bicycles, canoes, kayaks, boats, scooters, skateboards or roller blades.

Keep your giant flags at home because they'll be limited to two metres by one metre with flagpoles 0.9 metres or less. Coolers, ice chests and large knapsacks are also not permitted.

The Minden Wild Water Preserve, or MWW, is among three other venues that permit the use of a golf umbrella.

### Don't think of lighting up

The actions that will get you booted from a venue include flash photography, smoking, which includes e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco, flash photography, ambush marketing, and behaving like a jerk – fighting, public drunkenness, spitting and threatening.

See [www.toronto2015.org/spectator/conditions-of-entry](http://www.toronto2015.org/spectator/conditions-of-entry) for the full list.

### Olympic implications

The Pan Am Games hosted by the Minden Wild Water Preserve is giving athletes an opportunity to earn an Olympic spot.

Although the ICF World Championships in September is the primary Olympic qualifier, there is one spot for the Americas in each event: men's K1, women's K1 and men's C1.

However according to a press release from the Canadian Olympic Committee "the Pan Am results will be used retroactively to calculate which countries have earned Olympic spots following the allocation of spots at the worlds."

This is the first time the games has featured the canoe/kayak slalom competition.



**SATURDAY JULY 18th**  
10:00am-3:00pm  
(unless otherwise indicated)

At the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena  
**Sport and activity stations** (archery, wheelchair basketball, table tennis, soccer, sitting volleyball, badminton and a kayak selfie studio)

At the Minden Hills Cultural Centre  
**Artisan Market** 9am-1pm  
**Wood Fired Pizza** 12pm-2pm  
by "Into the Blue Bakery"  
**Mineral Talk** 1pm  
with Michael Bainbridge  
**Paddle Making demonstration and display**  
by the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve  
**"Step back into Canada's History"**  
with Mike Buss  
**"Minden Wild Water Preserve" and "First Kingdom" group art exhibits**  
**Canadian Canoe Museum exhibit**

7:00pm-10:00pm

At the SG Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre  
**Reel Paddling Film Festival**  
Tickets are \$7 which includes a BBQ dinner  
(hosted by Minden Lions Club)  
BBQ starts at 5:30 with films commencing at 7pm

**SUNDAY JULY 19th**  
10:00am-3:00pm

At the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena  
**Sport and activity stations** (archery, wheelchair basketball, table tennis, soccer, sitting volleyball, badminton and a kayak selfie studio)

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Canadian Cameron Smedley, who will compete in C1 and C2 (canoe doubles) and American Aaron Mann talk on the first day of training in the lead up to the Pan Am Games canoe kayak slalom event his weekend at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Event Schedule

Saturday, July 18  
Session 1 10-16:30 Preliminary Session Men Canoe Single (C1), Canoe Double (C2), Kayak Single (K1) Session 1 10-16:30 Preliminary Session Women Canoe Single (C1), Kayak Single (K1)

Sunday, July 19  
Session 1 10-18:30 Medal Session Men Canoe Single (C1), Canoe Double (C2), Kayak Single (K1) Session 1 10-18:30 Medal Session Women Canoe Single (C1), Kayak Single (K1) Session 1 10-18:30 Medal Session Both Medal Ceremonies

### Shuttle Bus Services

Start approximately two hours before the competition start time each day and run every 20 minutes to/from the venue.

Saturday July 18 - 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday July 19 - 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Follow reporter Darren Lum as he covers the Games on Twitter @DarrenLum



### Road Closures

Horseshoe Lake and Bethel roads will be closed to through traffic on July 18 and 19 near the Minden Wild Water Preserve from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. No stopping or parking along Horseshoe or Bethel roads will be permitted by Minden Hills.

For more information, contact Mark Coleman, director of community services at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca.



Jazmyne Denhollander will represent Canada in the K1 (kayak slalom singles) competition. From Chilliwack, B.C., Denhollander is the newest member of the senior national team. Photo by Glenn Springer

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**Tues Aug 4** — Minden Fire Fighters/Emergency  
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**Wed Aug 12** — Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale  
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**Wed Aug 19** — Prepare for Festival of the August  
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# Games make Gord Kidd groupie out of columnist

## AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse and throughout our Kinmount community there is profound sadness on the loss of a lovely young woman: Ali Rankin. Many will know her from her cheerful greeting behind the counter at Gateway Variety. There she would call me by name but on our last recent conversation chided "You don't know who I am, do you? I'm Ali." As an early teenager Ali would cover for our regular members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild in the Marketplace while the annual general meeting went on upstairs in the Community Centre cheerfully accepting payment of a wooden corker and fabric strips. During high school she was a valued assistant to Lynne Kilby at the Brownies Unit always genuinely interested in the younger girls sharing her enthusiasm with them. With Gateway closing we spoke together of her completed college course, her preferred occupational path and future plans.

"I'm Ali." Those two words spoken with energy, vibrancy and a touch of humour will

remain with me. Visitation for Ali will be at Kinmount Baptist Church, 4937 Monck Road, this Saturday, July 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. with the service to follow at 11 a.m. At this difficult time Lori, Guy and their family are much in our thoughts and prayers.

From all reports the inaugural Kinmount Highland Games was a great success blessed with beautiful weather. Later that same day the Family Fun Day along the Main Street of town offered a variety of free events, activities and exhibits and from my vantage point on the porch of the Artisans Marketplace everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Personally I plan to become a Gord Kidd groupie; he was terrific. The number of entries dropped off at the marketplace for the flag hunt contest by children was triple that of last year while the winner of the \$25 gift certificate for adult entrants was Denise Dunn of Janetville.

Once again sincere appreciation to our community volunteers who make these special opportunities available and to the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development who both coordinate and financially support these efforts through its fundraising events.

Also congratulations to the winners of the Canada Day Trivia Contest at the Artisans

Marketplace with Douglas Rumble the new owner of the folding chair and Barb Connor the cooler bag.

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace the Children's Craft Club continues on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. during July and August with a different project each week. The cost is \$3 to cover materials and for more information please call 705-488-2938. There is also planning underway for a two part Drum Making Workshop. If interested in learning more please contact Bilijana at 705-928-0407.

How quickly the summer is passing. The Kinmount Senior Citizens Club will be holding its annual yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 1 and is sending out a call for vendors. Tables are \$8 and can be booked by calling Rose at 705-286-0365. More specific details will follow in next week's column. Tomorrow there will be an informal meeting of minds around the pioneer barn loom in the now renamed Heritage Complex at the Kinmount Fairgrounds.

A feature this year will be a First Nations theme in parts of the complex and the weavers while not a major element of that theme are looking at a compatible project and considering the history and traditional colours of the Hudson Bay Point Blanket albeit

on a very small scale. A trip to Marty's in Haliburton was successful in my being able to fairly match the traditional red, green yellow and indigo colours needed for the weft stripes. I learned that the unfamiliar term "point" referred to black half-foot-long lines numbering from one to eight in one corner of the blanket which indicated its size. Founded in 1670 some say that HBC stands for "Here Before Canada". This iconic company continues to thrive and indeed expand today in a competitive environment where other former giants have disappeared from the commercial landscape or exist on the Internet only.

The Pan-American Games will be making a local splash right here on the Gull River at the Minden Wild Water Preserve with the whitewater canoe and kayaking events. Considered a world class whitewater site the preliminary events for both the canoes and kayaks will be held there on this Saturday, July 18 with the medal rounds the following day. Due to limited parking space all ticket holding spectators must leave their cars at the Minden Arena and travel to the site by shuttle bus.

Until next week keep busy and well, they go together...



### South Lake residents give to kids and families

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents received a cheque for \$600 from South Lake Association of Cottagers. The funds will help send Haliburton County children to residential or day camp. Pictured: Dawn Hurd of Point in Time and Patti Prentice from South Lake.

Photo submitted

## Students can get community service hours volunteering at Legion



### Legion br. 636

The Junk in the Trunk sale on Saturday was a great success and the weather was tremendous. Start cleaning your attic, garage or basement the next Junk in the Trunk will be coming in late August or early September.

There were 13 different vendors offering everything from jewelry and women's clothing, to bicycle tires and a beautiful pine table. Mirrors, designer door knobs, mirrors, glassware, books, CDs, skis – even some potatoes for sale! Many thanks to the volunteers who organized this event and those who helped out at the Legion table including Rick and Jenn Wilson's daughter.

There was peameal and cheese "bunwich" for breakfast and delicious hamburgers for lunch. A special thank you to Bonnie Krakenberg and her grandchildren Nathan, Shannon and Mackenzie (doing their school community volunteer hours) for cooking breakfast and lunch on the barbecue.

Our Legion, and many others, really needs the volunteer help to keep the doors open, and it's important to get our young people involved. Throughout the summer, high school kids can obtain their 40 hours of community service at the Mabel D Brannigan Branch 636 in Minden. We are particularly looking for servers for our lunches. With some of our regular volunteers away for vacation, we are running short. Call 705-286-4541 to get involved and volunteer your time.

Minden Legion is pleased to be a sponsor of the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival coming this weekend, July 17, 18 and 19. Come out and enjoy the feature band, A New Shade of Blue, with a host of other great groups. For information, pick up a brochure while you are enjoying the hospitality of Minden Legion or call the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Office at 1-800-461-7677.

There's another important event coming up from July 23 to 26, when the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command, in partnership with The Ruck To Remember team, will be hosting the second annual Road to Recovery Ruck. This is a 160 km (100 mile) ruck march to honour the members of the military and the front line responders who died last year. The team will be carrying weight plates engraved with the year and number of heroes we lost in 2014. Firm numbers are hard to come by, but they have identified two military deaths in the line of duty and 15 having taken their own life. Among first responders: eight killed in the line of duty and 24 having taken their own life.

This event will raise funds for the Leave the Streets Behind to assist veterans and police that are homeless or near homeless. Any donation is welcomed, but they have designed a supporter patch to say thanks to those who donate \$50 or more by July 31. For details go to <http://roadtorecovery2.causevox.com/blog/road-to-recovery-supporter-patch>.

Over the course of four days the ruck will travel from Barrie to Parry Sound. For those who'd like to participate but can't be there in person, there's even a link to a virtual option with a choice of distances.

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# Dozens of kids participate in fishing derby

## DORSET NEWS

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This just in from Barb Townes: "Thank you to everyone who came to the Dorset fireworks on Saturday, July 4. Because there is no funding for this night, we depend wholly on donations we collect and the help of volunteers. Thanks to Paul Greenaway for loaning the barge and driver; Old Mill Marina Dorset for the use of their property; to our many volunteers who bring their boats and equipment to collect on water and shore. Thank you, thank you, and thank you from the Dorset Project Group. Happy birthday Canada and the U.S.A!"

The 19th annual Dorset Kids Fish Derby on Saturday, July 11 was a wonderful success with perfect weather and lots of fish for the kids to catch. It was fun watching the S. S. Bigwin depart for the weekly yoga cruise and then return to dock again.

There were 38 kids plus parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and everyone had a great time enjoying the outdoors and music. Every child won a prize! A big thank you to the volunteers (Joe Alfano, Ruth Lynch and Annette Schumacher) and sponsors (Township of Algonquin Highlands, Algonquin Clean Water Services, Avery Audio, Big Ass Garlic, Fluffy Feet Face Painting, The Johnson's, Krista's Bait 'N Bites, Lock Tree Service, Magnetawan Bait and Tackle, Northern Delights, OFAH, Robinson's General Store, The S. S. Bigwin

and Marine Museum and Trading Bay Dining Company).

The Dorset Lions Club Rib Dinner at the recreation centre is this Saturday, July 18 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under and are available by calling Esther at 705-766-2830.

The churches of Dorset are hosting an evening of community prayers and praise every Thursday night this summer at the pavilion in Dorset from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be worship and activities for all ages and refreshments will be provided. Each week has a theme; July 23 is "Love" and July 30 is "Peace." Please bring your own lawn chair. Donations will support the Dorset Health Hub. Email lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com or lakeofbayspastoralcharge@hotmail.com for more information.

There is a new style of yoga class taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre called Yoga Dance and Movement. The next class is on Saturday, July 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a mat if you have one. Join instructor Debora Thoms for some fun yoga and movement involving free expression of yourself through creative dance. Set your body free to move to the music. Starting with a gentle warm up, you will gradually move into dances of various forms ending with a relaxation that will leave your body refreshed and balanced. Young and old are welcome. There will be more classes offered in August.

Birthday wishes for July 12 to 18 go out to Ursula Bryant, Lindsay Drinkwater, Brandon Galloway, Jesse Ryan, Scott Crewson and happy 80th to Ted Hope. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Chayse and Samantha Woods of Hillside cast into the lake looking to catch lots of fish.



Dave Tish and Julia Drobitch of Bracebridge hang out on the dock.

## Fishing derby fun

Noah and Jonah Gonthier at the Dorset Kids Fish Derby July 11. Photos by Melissa Alfano



Shawn, Samantha and Dylan Aubin of Dorset at the Kids Fish Derby.



Liam Davies and Bryn Vollans try to catch some big ones at the derby.



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# County card scores

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July 5 Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Legion: Topping the charts was Ray Legacy then Dagmar Sriver and May Bradbury with Dorothy McElwain holding the most lone hands. Thanks to Bev Johnson for the report on this monthly event.

July 7 contract bridge at Stanhope: The top scoring quartet members were Chuck Wilson 5,420, Willie Cox 5,230, our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 5,180 and Kathie Porter 4,970 with Frank Schlotter awarded the Lucky Loonie. There were three Small Slams by Art Steed and Kathie Porter, Paul Pethick and Bruce Armstrong and Elaine Burbidge partnered with Vange Croucher.

July 7 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Jim Taylor took top marks at 3,420 then Bob Penfold 3,360 and Janet Gray 3,310.

July 7 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharon Jarvis 269, Theresa Deak 258, our reporter Betty Wagar 227 and Pearl Cowen 224. First for the gents at 279 was Dorothy McElwain 279 followed by Dana Briscoe 258, Esther Thorley 236 and Howard Smith 225. Sharon Jarvis won the major draw with Bruce Medcalf, Howard Smith and our reporter Betty Wagar claiming the smaller prizes. In the moonshot column Dorothy McElwain, Tom Grix and Pat Roussel had singles with Kevin Maloney taking two.

July 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh 64 percent, Irena and Alek Zworski 63 percent and Paul Pethick partnered with Helen Cassidy 50 percent. Over in East/West Gord Cochrane partnered with Peter O'Connor were first at 61 percent then Ruth and Jim Forrester 59 percent and Bonnie and Dave Dickson 57 percent.

July 8 euchre at Stanhope: Linda Lambert reports that Marg Oetelaar led the pinks at 284 then Sharon Montgomery 239 and Joy 236. First for the whites at 296 was Jason Peacock followed by Marcel Lamothe 254 and Bob Montgomery 226 with moonshots going to Jason Peacock and Marion Farr.

July 9 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Betty Wagar and Bev Johnson with Irene McDowell and Tom Bagshaw posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Tom Orr and Helen Luffman with Helen also winning the draw and taking home two of the other prizes along with Kaye Bull and Joyce Broersma. Thanks to Tom Grix for this news.

July 9 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Clare Obdam 289, Vi Howell 265, Sharron Atkinson 248 and Pat Roussel 231. First for the gents at 301 was Marcel Roussel followed by Archie Ross 272, Ron Morrison and Howard Smith tied at 259 and Jesse Barlow 247. Holding the hidden score was Betty Askin with Marcel Roussel winning the card draw and Esther Thorley call 1. Bev Johnson further reports that Bruce Medcalf, Sharron Atkinson and Clare Obdam took the moonshots.

July 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Dee MacLean and Margo Davidson 67 percent, Linda Cherry partnered with Rhonda Elstone 55 percent and Ross Fletcher and Chuck Wilson also 55 percent. Leading in East/West were Joan Davies and Sue Pethick 60 percent, Fran and Norm Smith 59 percent and Milton and Shirley Barry also at 59 percent.

July 10 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink power was with our reporter Jean Dutka 227, Marg Oetelaar 217 and Loretta Lamb 202 while at 290 Al McMullen led the blues then Sally Cole 279 and Garth Windsor 95. David Lamb held the hidden score with Sally Cole, Jean Dutka and Al McMullen [2] taking the moonshots.

July 11 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 281, Betty Wagar 254, Jean Randell 166 and Maria Tschida 152. Tops for the gents were Howard Smith 237, Tom Grix 228, Dorothy McElwain 209 and Jason Peacock 201 with Wayne Jones claiming the major special prize and Jean Randell, Bev Johnson and Tom Grix the smaller rewards. Albert Foster also reports that Jason Peacock, Ida Young and Jesse Barlow along with Pat and Marcel Roussel took the moonshots.

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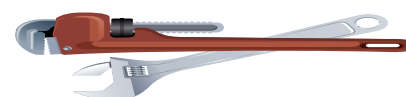
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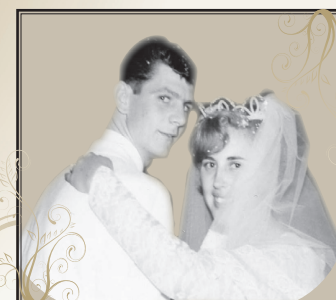
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Friday July 24th

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Beloved husband of Myrna. Dear father of Steve, Dale, Leta, Marty (deceased), Michael, Bradley, Raymond, Derek, Jody and Melinda. Loving grandpa to Jamie, Melanie, Nancy, Gero, Brooke, Justin, Jessica, Alyssa, Rylie, Cheyenne, Mackenzie, Peyton, Piper, Eden and great grandpa to Alexis, Monica, Samantha, and Connor. Dear brother of Shirley, Mary, Norman and predeceased by Edith and Betty. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

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**Little Cameron Lake From \$125,000**



- Large waterfront lots
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- 2 bedroom and 1 bath on .68 acres
- Pretty lot with room to rebuild
- Sand beach and shallow entry
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**Picturesque Stormy Lake \$299,000**



- 100 Ft Water Frontage, 0.81 acres
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**Minden Home \$269,000**



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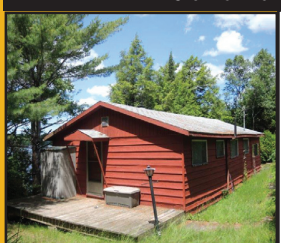
**Hobby Farm Plus! \$319,000**



- 8.8 acres about 2 acres fenced
- 2 plus 1 bedroom and 2 full baths
- Heated workshop and large shed
- 62 X 27 ft barn and paved drive
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- 3 season cottage full of charm & nestled in Haliburton Forestry
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- Open concept interior, 3 bdrms, screened room & deck
- Cottage is close to the lake w/ a custom stone & log pathway

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**Glamor Lake \$499,000**



- Large family? Love entertaining? This waterfront bungalow is for you!
- Eat in kitchen, master w/ensuite, walk out to deck.
- 3 car garage, custom dock, garden & storage sheds
- Landscaped lot, lovely perennial gardens

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**Cameron Lake \$119,000 (HST incl.)**



- 2 bedroom, 760 Sq Ft, seasonal cottage
- Picturesque lot with plenty of outdoor space
- Clean, sandy, wade-in shoreline on spring fed Lake
- Westerly exposure with sunset views

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**Snowbirds 3 Season Getaway**



- 3 bdrm fully furnished
- Lot close to marinas & beach
- Gazebo, Bunkie and comforts of home in central location
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**The Perfect Cottage Package \$219,000**



- Minden's Gull River, boat to town or the Big Lake
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**Twelve Mile Lake \$329,000**



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- Owns an 8 ft strip down to Twelve Mile Lake
- Beautiful sand beach, dock & western exposure
- Includes a detached garage & Bunkie

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**Boshkung Lake \$299,000**



- Western Exposure
- 330 Feet of frontage,
- Sand shoreline,
- Easy all season access

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**Private and Picturesque \$239,000**



- 3 bdrm, 1 bath home with large living room & floor to ceiling fireplace
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